**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – U.S. Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47) today announced the start of the 2010 Congressional Art Competition for high school students residing in California's <sup>th</sup> Congressional District. The winning entry will be displayed in the United States Capitol for one year, along with submissions from other Congressional districts across the country.

"With budget cuts forcing many schools to scale back their art programs, it is more important than ever to encourage our young artists," said Rep. Sanchez. "The Congressional Art Competition is a great way to showcase the artistic talents of young people in our community. I look forward to reviewing this year's submissions."

The Congressional Art Competition is open to all public, private, and home-schooled high school students who reside in the 47th Congressional District. All young artists who participate in the contest will be invited to a May reception, to be hosted by Rep. Sanchez, where the winning entry will be announced.

High school students who wish to submit an entry should refer to the 2010 Congressional Art Competition Guidelines for instructions and program details.

All artwork, including the completed Student Entry and Release Form, must be received on or before April 15, 2010. Artwork should be submitted to Congresswoman Sanchez's District Office in Garden Grove:

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